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METHYL MERCAPTAN FROM METHANOL

AND HYDROGEN SULFIDE

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RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1-20, reconsideration of the application and prompt allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

Enclosures include a copy of an Experimental Report that was originally submitted with the September 4, 2008 response to the March 5, 2008 Office Action.